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RESTORATION WORK TO START ON FLOOD-DAMAGED STATE ROUTE 18 WITHIN WEEK

CRESTLINE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin equipment-staging work Monday, March 22, 2004 on an emergency contract to restore a 3-mile segment of flood-damaged State Route 18 through “the Narrows.”

The \$8 million project is anticipated to be complete in mid summer 2004. Work will include reconstruction of several sections of undermined roadway, drainage system improvements, installation of additional debris catch fencing for uphill slope stabilization and guardrail replacement throughout the damaged stretch of SR-18 from State Route 138 to Crest Forest Drive.

Work will be performed 6 days a week, Mondays through Saturdays for the duration of the project. Work hours will be from approximately 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The detour to access the Crestline and Lake Gregory Communities is to take SR-18 to SR-138 to the intersection of SR-138 and Crest Forest Drive. Turn right onto Crest Forest Drive and continue east until it merges with SR-18. For those traveling to the Big Bear area, the most direct route is to take State Route 330 to SR-18 and continue east.

Two public meetings are slated for Crestline and Lake Arrowhead communities to advise residents/business owners of the planned work schedule and traffic handling through the detour. A meeting will be held March 22, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Gregory Community Church, 460 Pine Drive, Crestline and a second meeting will be held at the Lake Arrowhead Resort, 27984 State Route 189, Lake Arrowhead on March 24, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will provide the same information.

Your patience is appreciated during this construction project. Please slow for the cone zone.

